

Request for Expedited Procedure

Under 37 CFR § 1.116

Group Art Unit: 2193

Docket No.: W1878.0190

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 10/631,897

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Art Unit: 2193

For: DECIBEL ADJUSTMENT DEVICE WITH

SHIFT AMOUNT CONTROL CIRCUIT

Examiner: C. D. Ngo

## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

After Briefing to the Board of Appeals and Interferences, and in response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004, finally rejecting claim 5, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

#### **FEE CALCULATION**

# Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid			Number Extra Claims Present	Rate		Additional Fee
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#### CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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